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SUBJECT: QADHAFI VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

REF: BELGRADE 5179; TRIPOLI 1447

1. SUMMARY: QADHAFI BEGAN TALKS WITH TITO NOVEMBER 18. MAIN TOPICS WERE MIDEAST AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. STATEMENTS SO FAR INDICATE YUGOSLAVS WILL PRESS QADHAFI TO MODERATE HARDLINE ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE IN INTERESTS ARAB UNITY WHILE QADHAFI WILL CAUTION YUGOSLAVS TO BEWARD OF SOVIET ADVENTURISM. END SUMMARY

2. QADHAFI ARRIVED 1300 NOVEMBER 18, AN HOUR LATE, AND WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY TITO, PREMIER BIJEDIC (A MOSLEM), FONMIN MINIC, DEFENSE MIN GENERAL LJUBICIC, AND OTHERS.

3. OFFICIAL TALKS GOT UNDERWAY IN AFTERNOON. YUGOSLAV SIDE
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INCLUDED JNA GENERALS LJUBICIC, POTOVAR (CHIEF OF STAFF), AND

CEMALOVIC (AIR FORCE CHIEF). TALKS WILL CONTINUE NOVEMBER 19,

AND THEN QADHAFI WILL TOUR PARTS OF SERBIA AND BOSNIA-
HERCEGOVINA (AREAS OF GREATEST CONCENTRATION OF MOSLEM POPULATION).

4. EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT OFFICIAL DINNER NOVEMBER 18 REVEALS
DISPARITY IN VIEWS ON MIDEAST CRISIS. TITO DESCRIBED
CRISIS AS A "CONSEQUENCE OF AGGRESSIVE AND EXPANSIONIST POLICY
OF ISRAEL, AND IMPERIALIST SUPPORT OF THIS POLICY THE PURPOSE OF
WHICH IS TO PRESERVE POSITIONS AND TO PREVENT THE PROGRESSIVE
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ARAB STATES". CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORATION OF "SOVEREIGN
NATIONAL RIGHTS" OF PALESTINIANS, TITO SAID THUS INDEPENDENCE,
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF "ALL COUNTRIES IN THE
AREA" WILL BE SECURED. HE THEN REFERRED TO NEED FOR ARAB "UNITY",
SAYING ARAB STATES WILL ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS THROUGH "COMMON
STRUGGLE".

5. IN REPLY QADHAFI DESCRIBED PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AS "ALARMING".
HE SAID LARG CONSIDERS CRISIS "INCREASINGLY SERIOUS" AND THAT "ONE
FOREIGN MINISTER" (READ SECRETARY KISSINGER) CANNOT SETTLE ENTIRE
PROBLEM. "NEITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOR THE UNEF" CAN HELP
PALESTINIANS TO "RETURN TO THEIR SOIL".

6. DESCRIBING EUROPE AS "ENDANGERED", QADHAFI EQUATED PRESENCE
OF FOREIGN FLEETS IN MEDITERRANEAN WITH TENSION IN BERLIN AND
CALLED FOR YUGOSLAVS AND LIBYANS TO BE "EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS",
"OPPOSE ALL DANGERS", AND FIGHT FOR "POSITIVE NETURALITY AND
COEXISTENCE".

7. SOME DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES CONJECTURE THAT QADHAFI VISIT IS
DIRECT RESULT OF KIEV TALKS AND THAT BREZHNEV PERSONALLY ASKED
TITO TO MODERATE QADHAFI VIEWS AND ACTIONS. THIS IS PURE SPECULA-
TION AND EMBASSY FINDS REASONING PARA 3 TRIPOLI 1447 MORE
SOLIDLY GROUNDED, I.E. PRUPOSE TO VISIT IS TO FIRM UP EXCHANGE
OF LIBYAN OIL FOR YUGOSLAV MILITARY/ECONOMIC AID.

8. COMMENT: YUGOSLAVS MUST HAVE EXPECTED QADHAFI'S HARD LINE
ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE, AND TITO'S REFERENCE TO ARAB UNITY SUGGESTS
GOY WILL TRY TO IMPRESS UPON QADHAFI NEED TO RECONCILE HIS POSITION
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WITH SADAT, BUT WHILE THIS CONSISTENT WITH SOVIET DESIDERATA
WE DOUBT TITO SAYING THIS AT SOVIET INSISTENCE. QADHAFI'S
REFERENCE TO BERLIN, FOREIGN FLEETS, AND NETURALITY SEEM TO BE
OBLIQUE WARNING TO YUGOSLAVS TO BEWARE OF SOVIETS IN PARTICULAR.
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